

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Astorino for his assistance in the prosecution of this application.

This amendment supplements the amendment previously filed on May 18, 2006. Claim 117 is hereby added to the pending application, in order to more clearly point out an embodiment of the invention.

Applicants seek allowance of the pending claims for reasons already of record.

Conclusion

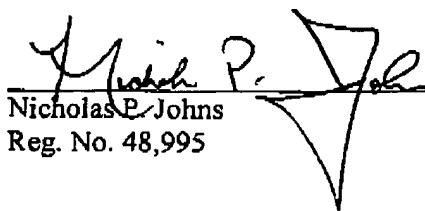
Claims 90-117 remain pending in the application. These claims are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above (other reasons may exist, and Applicants reserve the right to make additional arguments advancing these arguments in the future). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request prompt reconsideration, allowance, and passage of the application to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone at the number below to expeditiously resolve this matter.



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